



Fact Sheet

Military Search Operations

SITUATION

1. **Introduction.** Search operations allow Commanders to take the initiative by depriving the enemy of resources and disrupting his freedom of movement. The intelligence and evidence located during a successful search will often provide the greatest opportunities to attribute a 'find' to a specific individual or group, which may lead to a conviction in a court.
2. **Purpose.** The purpose of this course is to train selected personnel on the management and application of advanced, systematic search procedures for the search of personnel, vehicles, external areas, routes, occupied/unoccupied buildings, utilities and venues.
3. **Aim.** The aim of this fact sheet is to adequately prepare units, and selected personnel, on the course requirements. This document details requirements that are critical to the successful delivery of the Military Search Operations Course.
4. **MTT Availability:** No MTT is available

MISSION

5. Provide students the individual and collective knowledge and skills required to carry out Military Search Operations as Search Teams lead by Search Advisors.
6. The objectives of Military Search can be summarized as follows:
 - a. To protect potential targets
 - b. To gain evidence
 - c. To gain intelligence
 - d. To deny the enemy terrorist resources

EXECUTION

7. **Intent.** The Counter Explosive Hazards Center (CEHC) will conduct Search Course Training.
8. **Concept.** The course is a 3-week event. Week 1 provides a common core syllabus of theory and practical exercises for both Unit Search Advisors (USA) and Unit Searchers. During Week 2, USAs and Searchers undertake separate modules to enhance their skills applicable to their roles.

USAs will concentrate on the planning criteria for search operations while Searchers will undertake a number of basic searches designed to enhance their understanding of the procedures and practicalities associated with each search task. Week 3 is the culmination of training where the USAs and Searchers will be tested on their ability to plan and execute advanced Search Operations in a scenario driven practical exercise.

9. **Rank/Grade.** Rank/Grade for the search course are detailed as follows.

- a. **Unit Search Advisors (USA).** Sergeant First Class (E-7) to Major (O-4).
- b. **Unit Searchers.** Private (E-1) to Staff Sergeant (E-6).

10. **Class Size.** Each Course trains a total of 33 personnel, broken down into two groups; the first group consists of **nine Search Advisors**, the second group consists of **three teams of eight Unit Searchers trained as Search Teams**.

11. **Target audience.** Soldiers of all arms, through out Joint Forces Commands (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard).

12. **Squad composition.** It is suggested that if a unit sends a squad to the course they also send leadership from that squad's chain of command, as a search advisor.

COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

13. **Reporting Procedure:** Students are to report to Building 786 at 0730 on the first day of the training, Training starts at 0800. **Release time is no earlier than 1600 on the final day of training.**

14. Any student reporting after the training starts (0800) will not be permitted to attend the course.

15. A strip map for building 786 is attached.

16. **Training Schedule.** The schedule for Area Clearance Course is attached.

17. **Transportation:** The CEHC can not move students between training areas; students need a rental car for transportation to and from airport (FLW, STL, or Springfield, MO) and in and around FLW. It is recommended that units rent 15 Pax vans to move squads of students.

18. **Travel:** Please be advised that, when scheduling return flights that the minimum drive time to the St. Louis Airport from FLW is 2½ hours and the Springfield Airport from FLW is 1½ hours and a minimum of 1 hour for check-in at the airport. Please allow maximum time of returning personnel from the release of training to scheduled flight times.

19. **Holidays:** Training will be conducted on Training Holidays; they are **not** recognized as time off. CEHC recognizes only Federal Holidays.

SERVICE AND SUPPORT

20. **Lodging:** Links can be found on the CEHC website for local area hotels. (<http://www.wood.army.mil/cehc/LocalInfoPage>) The TSB can provide limited barracks if available. Phone 573.596.0131 ext. 6-5888 or 573.596.0131 ext. 6-2319

21. **Meals:** Many Dining Facilities are available on FLW, Mo; however distance can vary from .5 miles to 12 miles from the training areas. Meals can be arranged by contacting the FLW Dining Facilities Manager at 573-596-1774.

22. **Equipment:** The following Items are required for search teams:

- a. Duty Uniform
- b. IBA and LBE
- c. Kevlar Helmet
- d. Wet weather gear
- e. Appropriate cold weather gear for practical training
- f. Hydration system
- g. Patrol cap
- h. Road guard vest

23. Personnel attending the course as a “Search Advisor” will require all of the above plus:

- a. Briefing Equipment (Map pens, Markers, etc)

COMMAND AND SIGNAL

24. **Certification.** The instructors will keep attendance rosters of students attending training. Copies of attendance rosters will be made available to the host unit on request. Soldiers that do not attend all of the training will not be certified. Soldiers that have appointments during the days of training should re-schedule those appointments.

25. **Course Roster.** It is requested that units complete the enclosed course roster and return it to CEHC, upon course confirmation.

26. Students will be required to fill out a course critique at the conclusion of training.

27. **Contacting the CEHC.** For scheduling, CEHC can be contacted on the following numbers. Upon a course being scheduled, MMT contacts will be provided, on request:

- a. **Scheduling.** (573) 563-3974, (573) 563-3994.

Web Site: www.wood@army.mil/cehc

Enclosures:

- 1. Course Roster
- 2. Course Schedule
- 3. Ft Leonard Wood Strip Map

Course Roster and Rank Requirements

Role	Minimum Rank	Rank	Last Name	First Name	Unit	MOS	Security Clearance
Search Advisors							
Advisor	E7 – O4						
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Advisor	E7 – O4						
Search Team One							
Leader	E5 - E6						
Recorder	E4 - E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Search Team Two							
Leader	E5 - E6						
Recorder	E4 - E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Search Team Three							
Leader	E5 - E6						
Recorder	E4 - E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
Searcher	E1 – E5						
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Enclosure 2

